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SUBJECT: US POLICY ON EAST ASIA

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1. YOU MAY CONVEY THE SELECTED PARAGRAPHS FROM REF A TO
FCO.

2. IN ADVANCE OF A POLICY DECISION ON THE TIMING AND
METHOD OF OUR GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWALS FROM KOREA, WE
PREFER NOT TO PROVIDE A RATIONALE TO THE FCO OR ANY OTHER
GOVERNMENT. WE SUGGEST INSTEAD THAT YOU REITERATE OUR
PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT WE WILL WITHDRAW OUR GROUND TROOPS
SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY AND AFTER FULL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
KOREANS AND THE JAPANESE. US AIR UNITS WILL REMAIN IN
KOREA AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT

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LEVELS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE (PRIMARILY FMS CREDITS) TO
SUPPORT THE ROK'S PROGRESS TOWARD GREATER MILITARY SELF
SUFFICIENCY.

3. YOU MAY ASSURE THE FCO THAT OUR FORCE REDUCTIONS WILL
BE CARRIED OUT IN WAYS WHICH DO NOT UPSET THE MILITARY
BALANCE IN KOREA AND THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY

OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WILL REMAIN FIRM.
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